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Applicant: Lettkeman et al. )

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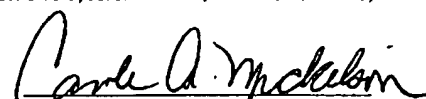
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REQUEST FOR A REFUND TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 07-2069

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Sir:

On January 5, 2006, Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (copy enclosed). The statement was filed within the time period prescribed by 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). That is, after the time period specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), but prior to the mailing of any final action, notice of allowance, or any other action that would close prosecution in the application. Applicants also included a statement specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) with the IDS. Specifically, Applicants stated that none of the information

cited in the IDS was cited in a communication with a foreign patent office, and additionally that to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

On January 10, 2006, the above-referenced deposit account was charged \$180. The fee code and amount are consistent with the charge for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement. However, 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) does not require the submission of this fee if the IDS is accompanied by a statement specified by 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e).

Applicant therefore respectfully requests a refund in the **total amount of \$180**, which reflects the aforementioned fee. We request that \$180.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Should there be any questions regarding this Request for a Refund, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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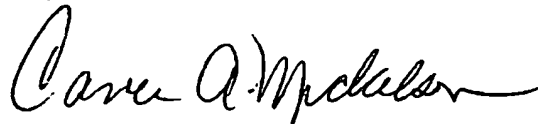
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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This IDS is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), after the C.F.R. §1.97(b) time period, but before the mail date of a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance (whichever occurs first), with either:

- (a) a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e); or
- (b) the \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 (Information Disclosure Citation) together with copies of foreign patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the citation of any reference on Form PTO-1449 does not constitute an admission that the reference qualifies as prior art.

It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

(X) Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e):

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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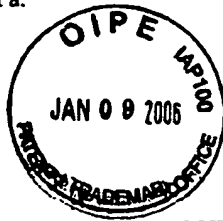
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